

### *Dreams.*

I have always believed that if I dreamt and worked hard, I would be able to fulfill my dreams. Samuel Johnson once said, "Your aspirations are your possibilities". I know there is a hero in me wanting to fulfill my dreams. I have promised myself that I would work hard and believe in myself so that one day, I can spread my wings and fly, achieving my dreams. Achieving my dreams is not that hard, as long as I give my best. I will achieve my dreams and the future I want. This I believe.

I remember when I was in secondary one, I took up Japanese as my third language. The journey of learning Japanese was never smooth-sailing, and many times I have felt like giving up. Although I have failed some of my Japanese quizzes, I never wanted to give up. Holding tight to my dream, which was to be very proficient in Japanese just like my other languages, I never gave up. However, in just one day, my confidence in my dream shattered into pieces.

That day, I received my Japanese examination paper. To my horror, I scored only fourteen out of forty-five. I was so upset. I started crying as though the sky had fallen apart. At that time, I was just like a building whose pillars had fallen apart, crashing on to the ground with no courage to go on in my journey of learning Japanese. I felt hopeless and wanted to give up.

When I told my mother about it, she told me, "When God closes a door, somewhere he will open a window. You should never give up. Remember the dream you had in the beginning? If you dare to dream, you will succeed." Her words suddenly let me realize that I should pick myself up and work hard instead of being in despair, as I believed that only if I dared to dream that I could do well in Japanese and work hard, I could succeed.

From that day onwards, I began to study doubly hard in hopes of doing well for my Japanese. I was not going to give up. I knew there was a strength in me pushing me to succeed. Finally, my effort paid off. I passed my next Japanese test with flying colours and even my teacher told me to keep up the good work. I was overwhelmed with happiness. This pushed me to continue learning Japanese and fuelled me to fulfill the dream I had.

That was the day when I truly believed that if I dreamt, I would succeed. Just like what Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." I believe in the beauty of my own dreams, and that I will succeed. Who says dreams are unreachable? That, I do not believe. As I have always known – by daring to dream and work hard, I can fulfill my dreams. This I believe.